

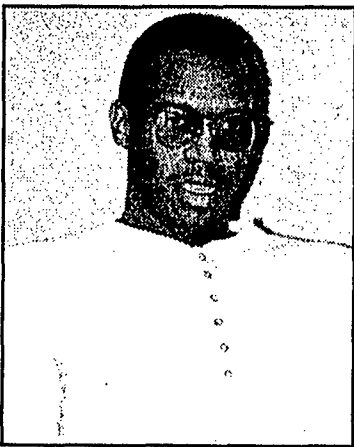
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Bearcats to appeal lost title

COLIN MCDONOUGH
CHIEF REPORTER



At a press conference March 3, senior center Rick Jolley discovers that he was ineligible to play this season.

1990 but only played basketball for one year and was redshirted the other year.

Redshirting refers to sitting out a year of competition to retain another year of competition.

However in his final semester as a full-time student at Penn State, he competed in a preseason scrimmage that cost him his eligibility. Jolley played only 14 minutes in the game.

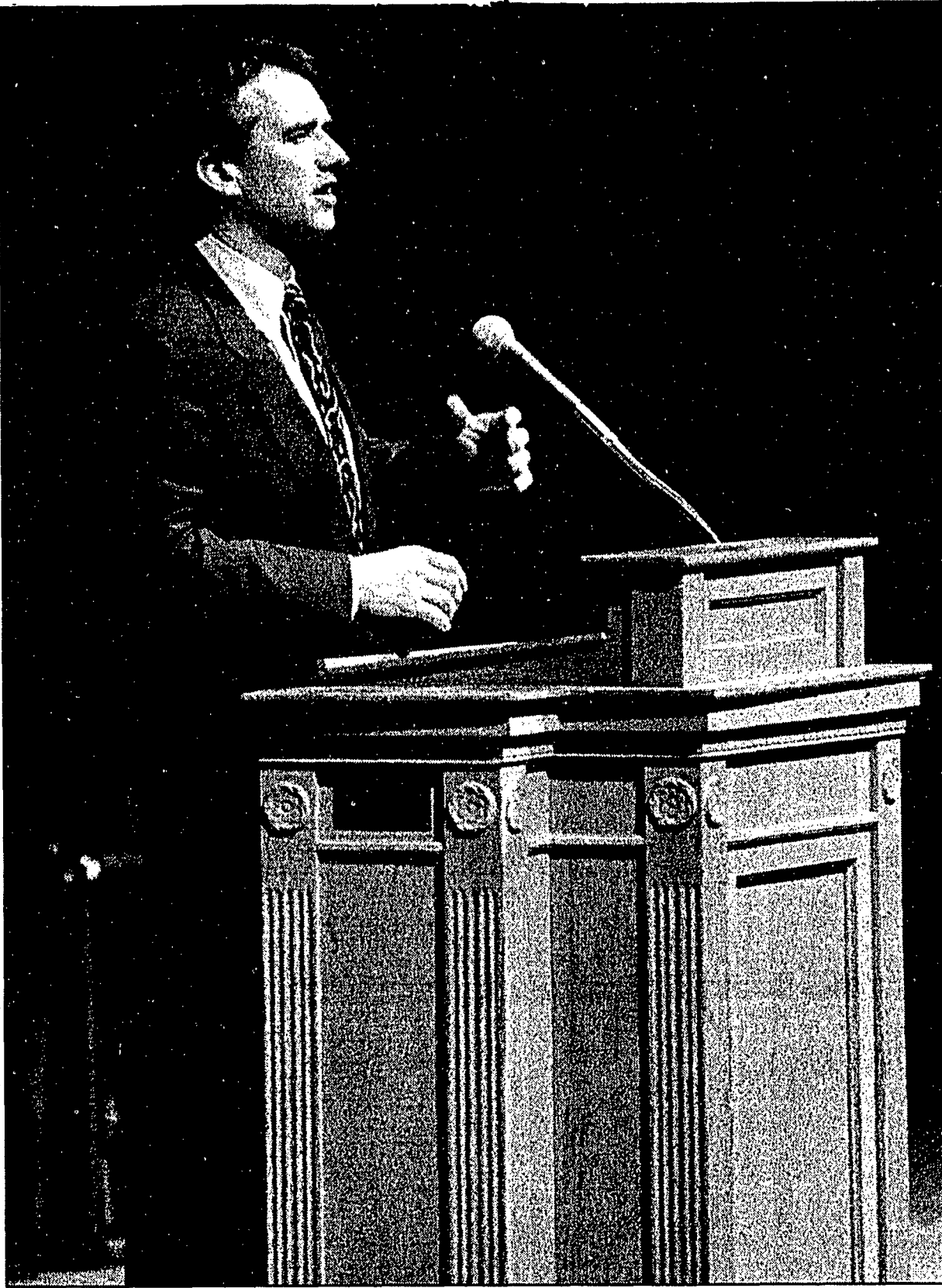
Jolley said he remembers the game but said he did not play. "I remember being there in street clothes, but I don't remember dressing out and playing in any games," he said.

Northwest was unaware that Jolley had competed in that preseason scrimmage because on March 1, 1995, Timothy M. Curley, Penn State athletic director, sent a letter to Northwest saying, "The purpose of this letter is to confirm that Broderick Jolley competed for the basketball team here at Penn State during 1989-90. During his freshman year (1988-89) he took a 'red shirt' year. His last full time semester of enrollment was Fall 1990."

Northwest contacted Penn State on Friday, March 1, and had Curley do some more research on Jolley's participation records.

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Kennedy stands up for nature



'Our Environmental Destiny' Robert F. Kennedy Jr. speaks at the first James H. Lemon Founders Lectures Series. Kennedy spoke about pollution and the

roll that government needs to take in order to save and maintain the environment for the future generations and prevent disastrous economic effects.

Lawyer discusses multiple concerns with environment

JULIET MARTIN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

An audience of all ages, backgrounds and interests gathered together to listen and learn about the common thread of all people — the environment. The teacher was Robert Kennedy Jr. and the classroom was Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

During his lecture "Our Environmental Destiny," which took place Wednesday, Kennedy talked about the threat of bills currently on Capital Hill. According to Kennedy, the bills have the possibility of removing laws protecting federal wetlands and rewriting laws concerning endangered species.

The lecture also raised economic issues regarding water, trees and mining and the way in which they are being wasted.

Kennedy said taxpayers are subsidizing companies by allowing them to have public lands for free.

Kennedy believes the greatest wealth a person has is not in their bank accounts but in the environment.

"We take it for granted that it's free, but it's not free," he said. "We need to invest in protecting the environment's value."

Kennedy warned listeners about continued negligence concerning the environment.

"Our children are going to pay for our joyride," he said.

Kennedy's work with the Hudson River served as a model of the progress that could be made through environmental awareness and protection movements.

As America has watched Chesapeake Bay, the Delaware River and the Long Island Sound all slowly die, Kennedy said if action is taken, there can be some positive results.

"Hudson has been saved through aggressive environmentalists and today it is the richest water body on the east coast of North America," he said. "We have managed to keep it clean and green and biologically sound."

The lecture marked the beginning of the

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Board OKs new building

Regents decide against renovation for Student Health Center

JENNIE NELSON
CHIEF REPORTER

The Board of Regents had a packed agenda Wednesday, including a decision to work on plans to build a new Student Health Center building.

The board voted to hire Gould Evans Goodman Associates, the same firm that is currently working on renovations in Colden Hall and the Administration Building, to work on architectural designs and plans for the new building.

Warren Gose, vice president of finance, said the reason for opting for a new building was based on costs of the necessary renovations.

The current Student Health Center, located in North Complex, does not meet the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, Gose said.

The building currently lacks wheelchair accessibility to examining rooms and a wheelchair ramp.

Gose also said the center's waiting room is not located in the sight of the front desk and the location is not convenient for emergency vehicles.

"The biggest issue (in the renovations) is the ADA requirements," Denise Ottinger, dean of students, said.

Gose reported the costs of renovating the current facilities would be \$297,000. However, the Gould Evans Goodman Associates architectural firm informed the University it could build a new facility for around \$300,000.

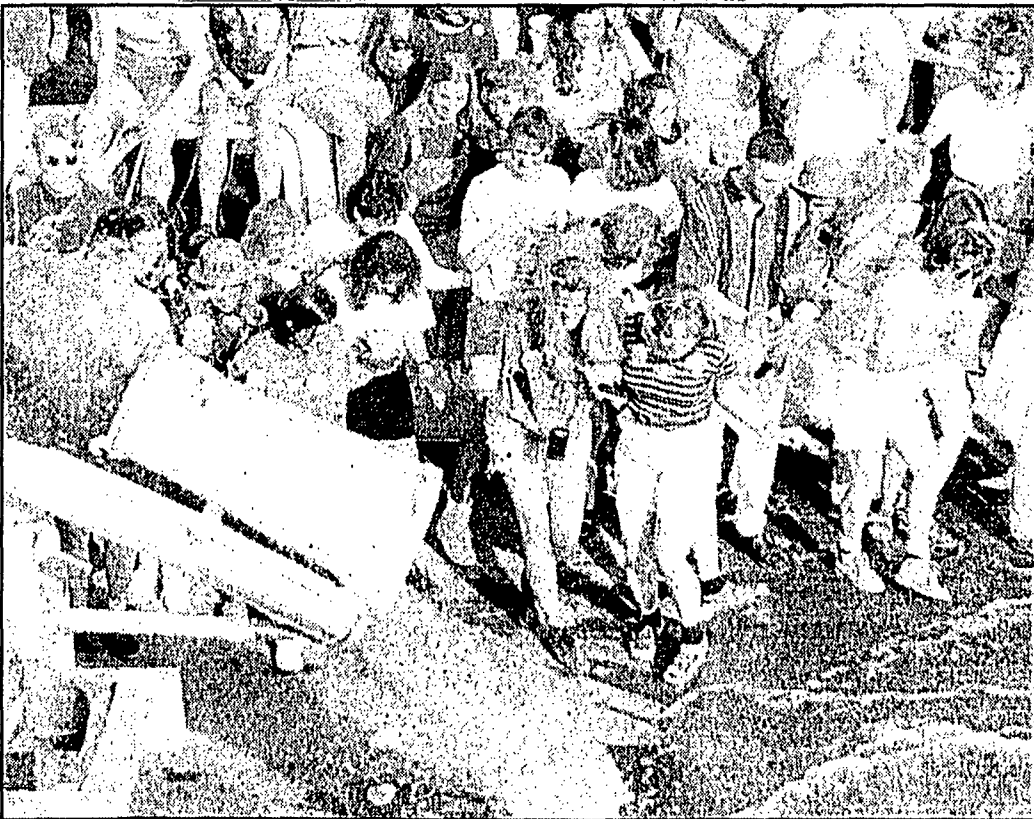
After Gose's report, the board decided to hire the firm to create architectural designs and work out possible locations of the center.

In other business, the board approved by a 6-1 vote the plans of future implementation of the EC+ pilot program.

Next year, the goal of the program is to have 500 students with notebook computers who would sign up for specially designated classes.

All students would have the option of purchasing a computer and enrolling in the classes. "Computers today are what reading and writing were to us in the past," Tim Gilmour, vice president for Academic Affairs, said.

Additional business included approval of reviewing of voluntary dental plans, the retirement of Harmon Mothershead, professor of History and Mary Jane Sunkel, assistant professor of computer science, resignations and the updated 1996-97 scholarship proposal.



Getting their feet wet. Part of each year's St. Patrick's Day festivities in Maryville includes a dousing of green water following the "World's Shortest Parade." The tongue-in-cheek parade will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday in front of the Outback and Palms taverns.

Courtesy of Tower Yearbook

Short parade leads festivities

ROB J. BROWN
CHIEF REPORTER

Don't blink, or you might miss the most famous 10 minutes of Maryville's history this weekend.

The World's Shortest Parade is Maryville's claim to fame. The ninth annual parade will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday. The 97.5-foot long parade is filled with enthusiasm and spirit.

The parade has been located in front of the Palms and Outback taverns since its inauguration in 1987. The parade was founded by some Palms locals, Richard Flanagan, Jerry Hood, Paul Krokstrom, Jerry Newman and W.R. O'Riley.

The men decided it would be fun to vie for the World's Shortest Parade with all sorts of festi-

ties surrounding it each year.

"It started as a joke," Krokstrom said. "A guy told us that people in small towns don't have any fun, so we decided to start a St. Patrick's Day Parade."

The parade has grown to be one of the largest parties in Maryville. The parade does not appear by luck of the Irish though; a committee is in charge of putting on the famous parade.

Flanagan, a committee member, said the committee is laid-back and waits for the parade to fall together. It does send out 50-75 letters each year to famous figures. They ask people like the Pope, the governor of Missouri, Paul Harvey and Rush Limbaugh to serve as master of ceremonies.

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Ivins pushes political interest

CYNTHIA HANSEN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Although conventional wisdom says you can't change anyone's mind, syndicated columnist Molly Ivins has made it her business never to care about conventional wisdom.

In a lecture Monday night in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, Ivins presented her liberal ideas on American politics from her point of view as a left-wing populist.

"Conventional wisdom has been dead wrong sev-

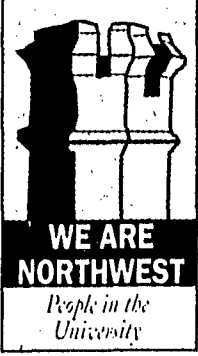
eral times, which is always very satisfying," she said. Ivins stressed three messages in her "civics lecture." First, she encouraged students to participate in the political process.

"Everything in your life is touched by what goes on in politics," Ivins said.

"How deep you will be buried when you die, the qualifications of the people who prescribe your eyeglasses or whether or not the lady who dyes your hair for you knows what she's doing."

The second message Ivins wished to emphasize

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Our View

'Mysterious' minutes force 'Cats to relinquish title

The men's basketball team received an unfair slap in the face after its winning season.

Unfortunately for the Bearcats, a mysterious 14-minute record of an exhibition game cost senior center Rick Jolley his eligibility for the semester of play he just completed.

It may appear as though Northwest, not Penn State University, is at fault, considering we lost our conference title and were forced to forfeit 12 games, but this is not the case.

Penn State sent our athletic director, Jim Redd, a letter dated March 1, 1995, stating that Jolley had one semester of eligibility left, so he played.

Now, after the season, those 14 minutes appear out of thin air. To add insult to injury, those minutes were played at a meaningless exhibition game. The original letter should be documented proof of Northwest's innocence.

When someone can tell us exactly what Northwest did wrong, we will be satisfied.

Basically, we are being punished for another school's error. Where's the punishment for Penn State for sending us inaccurate information?

The MIAA must now determine,

through a process of appeal, who is in the right. Northwest already lost the first round by a 4-3 vote, but thanks to the infractions committee's chair vote against Northwest, the vote ended with a 5-3 decision.

However, three schools were not present at the hearing.

The MIAA needs to realize that punishing a team for another school's mistake is completely wrong.

Not only is our season record at stake, but so is our reputation. How will it look to other schools if we are punished?

It makes us look like we did something wrong — another injustice.

CAMPUS EDITORIAL



Our View

Schools do not need to spank our children

"Spare the rod and spoil the child." For years, people have argued that corporal punishment is the best way to maintain discipline for children, but many parents disagree with that philosophy.

For that reason, the "Safe Schools" bill that allows parents to "opt out" of the use of corporal punishment on their children makes a good first step, but more needs to be done.

This step is only half of the battle. The legislature needs to eliminate corporal punishment completely. A system that disciplines some students one way and others another way would send the children the wrong message.

We cannot tell our children that some of them will receive an embarrassing punishment while others may

face a parent who chooses to do nothing.

Schools obviously must keep discipline in schools, but many psychologists argue that spanking only works effectively until age 3.

Unless our school children are extremely young, this antiquated method needs to be banished from Missouri's school systems.

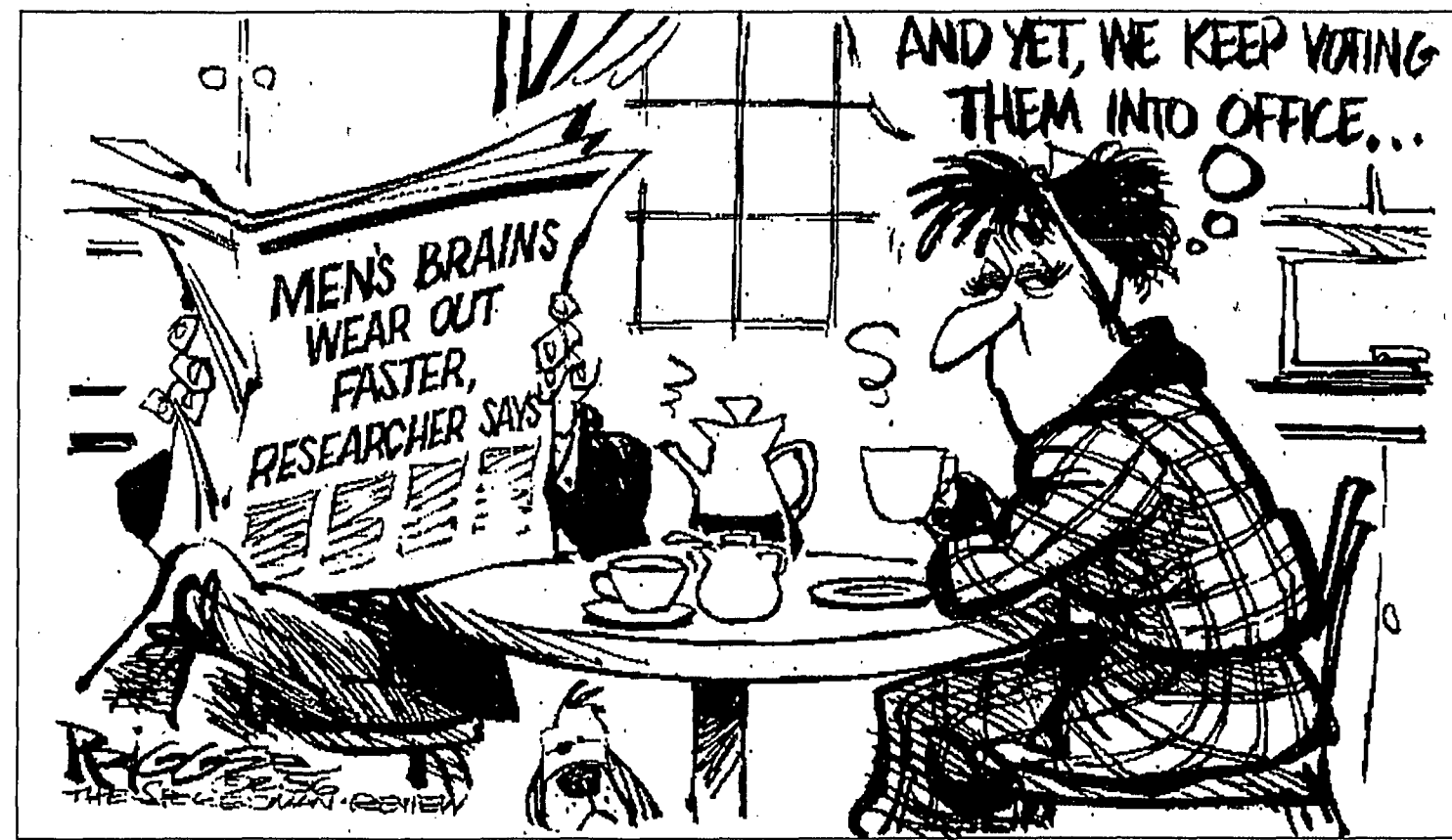
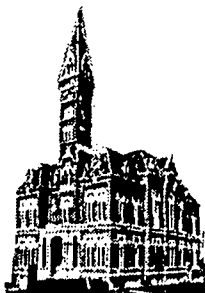
Eliminating this form of punishment is in the best interest of educators and students.

America is often picked on because its citizens like to sue other people.

Teachers who spank the wrong child may have a career-damaging lawsuit on their hands.

Is an ineffective swat worth the trouble?

CITY EDITORIAL



My Turn

NCAA provides gambling opportunity

In this second week of March, NCAA College basketball tournament March Madness is truly in the air. From court-side of the games to office and dorm rooms, all walks of people are gambling on this unpredictable tournament.

This gambling is harmless and adds even more excitement and drama for the tournament, as well as an added incentive to root on favorite or sleeper teams. But others scrutinize gambling in any manner, from sports, casinos and horse and dog tracks.

Gambling can be taken to extremes; many chronic gamblers have been known to bet their houses and cars and also thousands, even millions, of dollars on games. These cases are extreme, but do happen. If the pools are kept relatively small and the gambling is still all in the fun of the game, I believe it's great.

Every year these tournament pools are put together with many people dying to sign up for a bracket. The object is to receive a bracket and predict which teams you think will advance in the 64-team tournament. Usually these brackets cost \$2-\$5 depending on the person or "bookie."

The pool pot enlarges as each new entry



ROB J. BROWN

Betting on tournament encourages enthusiasm toward sporting event

puts his or her money in. The more cash that people could win, catches the eye of more people to enter the pool.

This year many different teams have a legitimate shot for the national title, but this hasn't stopped me from entering three different pools to hopefully earn my cash back.

Having your hard-earned dollars on this tournament adds great drama to the games. I

watched last year as Oklahoma State, predicted by most to not make it past the second round, upset a top team in the nation and become a final four contender.

As the team won, I became more and more of a fan of the Cowboys because I had money riding on how far they would go in the tournament. For every one of their games I watched on the edge of my seat for the outcome — this is what March Madness is all about.

I have filled out these brackets ever since I began middle school and each time March comes around I feel like an ESPN analyst. I take in account and analyze all the teams, who's on a roll, who lost at the end of the regular season, final season records, tournament rankings and where the games will be played. After boggling my head with all of these facts and figures, I feel like Chris Berman.

This gambling is part of our American culture, and it adds enthusiasm to sporting events. If not taken out of control, like betting the house away, it's all good.

Rob J. Brown is a chief reporter for the Northwest Missourian.

the Stop Press

Tips to help you handle friends at work

Working in an enclosed environment for hours on end, day in and day out with people you may or may not get along with can be very trying.

Every day we try to be considerate and respectful to those people who we just do not "click" with and most of the time everything goes well.

The trying times in the workplace environment is usually when a conflict occurs between two friends. Ooohhh those dreaded words "friend" and "work."

Let me explain. Working in an environment as close as in the Basement of Wells Hall (and it is very close quarters) people build very strong friendships and occasionally very strong enemies, as it's bound to happen in a small community.

Of course, the old rule is always keep your personal life out of your business one. But, sometimes that can be difficult.

In light of all this talk about friendships perhaps, these tips will help you out.

Friendly neighborhood Tip No. 1 — Always keep your friendship out of the workplace.



CHRISTY SPAGNA

Friendships in workplace not necessarily an omen; use as humor

If you must talk about plans, try to do it outside the office environment, especially if other people around you are not invited. Believe me, it hurts not only you, but the other people, so just watch yourself.

Tip No. 2 — If you are the person in "power," do not be afraid to make change a

even if it hurts the friendship. If the person is a true friend and the change was for the good of the company, he or she should understand.

Tip No. 3 — Avoid talking business outside the workplace. People overwork enough as it is, so there is no need to take work home. Leave it there and have fun with your friends.

Tip No. 4 — Keep your head up and look confident because times will be tough, especially if you are the boss.

Tip No. 5 — Keep your sense of humor. Of course, in every situation it may not be appropriate, but it is always best to keep that funny bone close at hand.

Tip No. 6 — Get as far away from your work as possible. Now, sometimes that may seem impossible to do, but it is essential for survival. Take it from someone who does just the opposite.

Whether these few tips help you or upset you, take them as you will, but always remember to have a good sense of humor.

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to the Letters Editor

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CARE's display lacks taste

Dear Editor,

Certainly, there are messages that need to be conveyed. Encouraging students not to drink irresponsibly during spring break is one of those messages.

A casket being displayed in the middle of the Den, however, does not convey any other message except that Chemical Abuse Resource Education has a disturbing way of showing its concern.

It is morbid, it is frightening and it is tacky. I wish someone had told this to CARE before it decided to do this tasteless display.

I have one question: What about all of the other days and weekends during the year? Most of the students we lose are NOT lost during spring break.

As someone who lost a loved one in a non-spring break car accident, I was offended and repulsed by the display.

Even more disturbing was the lack of sensitivity displayed by the people responsible, who did not give consideration to the feelings of other students.

It certainly does something to an appetite when staring at a casket.

I hope that next year, the members of CARE will remember that the message was great, but the method sucked.

Amy Collins

Parent expresses concern

Dear Editor,

As the parent of a middle school student, I am concerned about the note that was sent home from WMS with the track students. It states that, "This year, you and your child will have to make a choice between track and soccer." As parents, we have tried to allow our children to participate in as many school, community and church activities as they felt interest in, and as our schedules would permit.

AYSO soccer is played on Saturdays. The practices are set up by the volunteer coaches at a time that is the most convenient for them and the largest number of players. There are 500 students who play soccer in our community, probably because in AYSO soccer EVERYONE PLAYS. No one sits out more than one quarter until everyone has taken a turn sitting out. You don't have to be the biggest, strongest or fastest player to play. If you show up, you play.

We all have to make choices and prioritize our schedules. We pay consequences for being late, like running laps at track. Many players chose to miss soccer practice because they know that they will still get to play and that the consequences are a little steeper for missing other events.

I think that soccer and track complement each other. I don't think a child should have to give up either one.

Terry Phillips

CommunityTurn

Health care can prevent job changes

Congress must work toward policies that help Americans retain good jobs and adequate health insurance. In the near term, I believe Congress can reasonably address the problem many Americans face with their health care coverage when they change jobs.

Many working Americans today are losing their jobs as a result of corporate downsizing, shifts of production to foreign countries and other factors beyond the control of loyal, dedicated employees.

As a result, these individuals often face the dilemma of maintaining their health care during the transition from one job to the next.

A report by the non-partisan General Accounting Office notes that because most Americans receive their health insurance through their employers, changing jobs can disrupt coverage. Because most private health plans have waiting periods for new enrollees and also limit coverage for pre-existing conditions, a worker could have difficulties with health care during a job move.

For many workers, the health care situation prevents them from moving to new jobs.

According to the GAO, nearly four million American workers have been discouraged from leaving their jobs for new positions because of fear of losing their health care plans. This "job



PAT DANNER

With pending legislation, portability of services will help American workers, economic development

lock" surely inhibits workers and employers from making the moves necessary to be more productive.

At present, there is support in Congress from both Republicans and Democrats for so-called "portability" in private health care insurance. Such provisions would help prevent workers from losing their health insurance following termination or a job move.

Under legislation currently pending in the

Senate and House, any worker who has been covered by an employer's health plan for at least 18 months — and then changes jobs — would be able to purchase a policy from firms that sell insurance policies in the worker's state of residence. Those companies, in turn, would be required to sell these workers health insurance without exclusions for pre-existing medical conditions.

While the final legislation may be different, the House leadership has indicated that the American people can expect to see a breakthrough that will remove some of the anxiety about health care.

I believe health care portability will both assist the working American and contribute to economic development, and I will work toward legislation that allows for important changes to the system.

The unfortunate reality today is that many Americans are understandably concerned about their jobs and economic futures. While health care portability is by no means a panacea for the many problems working Americans face, it is an important part of the effort to create and maintain opportunities for all.

Pat Danner is the District 6 U.S. Representative.

CommunityTurn

Art form reflects various approaches

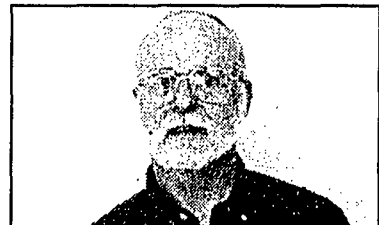
Graphic design is about designing with type and images mainly for printed materials and multimedia. It is a multifaceted endeavor and, like any art form, it reflects a variety of approaches and attitudes.

The design process is about the emergence of visual form as the designer addresses specific issues from a set of given constraints in time, materials and cost.

Graphic design begins with very abstract notions indicating possible solutions. The challenge is to set up the process to generate the maximum number of possible solutions and choose the best. Flexibility is required, allowing for refinement and even changes in direction.

Whenever one talks about computers and graphic design, inevitably someone makes the assumption that if one has the right hardware and software combination, one can be a "good" designer. Because the computer does some technical procedures well, easily and with a precision that is difficult to duplicate by hand, technique is elevated in this person's mind to design. If you can do these procedures, you will have good design, so the thinking goes.

As Gestalt psychology has rightly pointed



PAUL FALCONE

Graphic design medium offers new possibilities for strong solutions with new technology

out, the whole of a visual field is more than the sum of the parts. Its import or meaning, if you will, is dependent on the interaction of the whole configuration — something that goes beyond a single accounting of elements or technique.

Ultimately, these configurations and all design decisions are human decisions informed

by aesthetic judgment and visual understanding. Technique is here subservient to intent and informed by judgment.

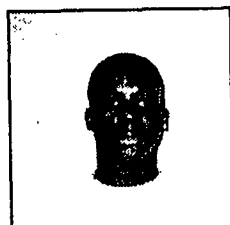
That is not to say that solutions are entirely independent of technical means. Obviously, the possible design solutions are to some degree dictated by media and technique. Charcoal makes wonderful soft gradations from light to dark but doesn't work well for precise line drawing, etc. In that sense, the computer is just another tool that is appropriate for some tasks and not for others. But the computer is more than that, and this is where the confusion arises.

It is in reality a new medium that does not replace all other media but opens a new realm of possibilities. The more possible solutions, the odds for better solutions or the "best" solution increases. The computer turns out to be an amplifier of solutions, not "the" solution. There is no simple technical means, computer or otherwise, to good design. Sound design training in the traditional studios is still the best route to "good" design.

Paul Falcone is an associate professor of art at Northwest.

YourTurn

Who will win the NCAA tournament and why?



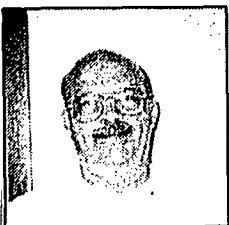
Kyle Bartley
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"Georgetown because they are the most talented team in the tournament. Also because of their depth and they have two pre-mium players."



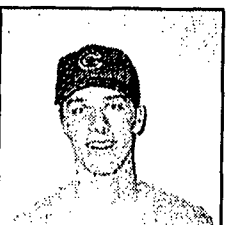
Richard Alsop
men's track
coach

"Kentucky because they have been dominant all year. They have won every conference game."



Jim Herauf
chairman
of HPERD

"University of Kentucky because they have the most depth. They have 10 guys who can play."



Neal Young
geography major

"The University of Massachusetts. I filled out the bracket and that's what I came up with."



David Bayer
geography major

"The University of Connecticut because they are the No. 1 seed. But who I want and who I think are going to win are two different things. I would like to see Kansas win since they are close to home."



Darin Bergmann
business
management major

"Kentucky because they have been the most consistent throughout the season. They've got the best coach in the country, but I think Iowa will go to the Final Four."

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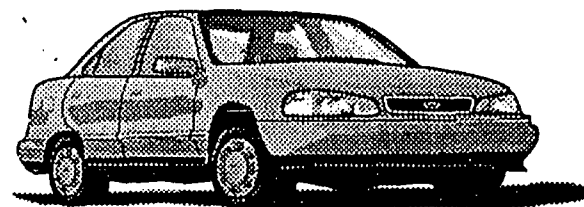


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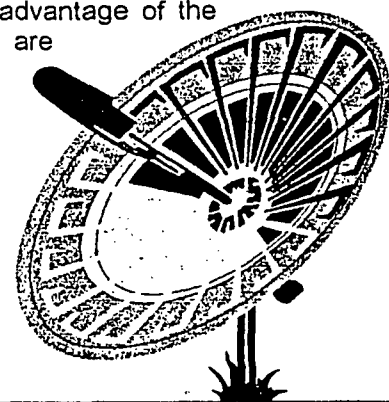
The First Letter in Auto Parts

Spotlight on NORTHEAST NODAWAY

The Northeast Nodaway R-V School District can testify that technology and education go hand in hand. Since the 1986-1987 school year, students have been reaping the benefits of the Distance Learning by Satellite program based out of Kansas State University. In fact, this year 35 students at Northeast Nodaway are taking advantage of the foreign language classes which are offered as part of the satellite program.

Just one more reason to remember ...

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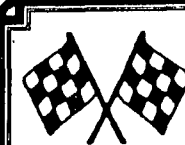


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8 a.m. - CLEP, MAT and GED tests in 120 Wells Hall
7 p.m. - "Father of the Bride 2" in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
9:30 p.m. - "Waiting to Exhale" in the Mary Linn

Friday, March 15

Third installment due
Last day to make a second block class pass/fail
Softball double header at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
8 a.m. - CLEP, MAT and GED tests in 120 Wells
1 p.m. - Men's tennis vs. West Texas State at home
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Saturday, March 16

District music contest
Men's and women's tennis vs. SIU-Edwardsville at Topeka
Softball at SIU-Edwardsville
9 a.m. - "Cat Walk in Bearcat Arena"

Sunday, March 17

2 p.m. - Baseball vs. Benedictine College at Bearcat Field
3 p.m. - All-Schumann piano recital in CJT

Monday, March 18

ARCH information session in the University Club North

Tuesday, March 19

8:30 p.m. - Quality Classroom Symposium in CJT
2 p.m. - Softball vs. Morningside College at Beal Park
3 p.m. - Women's tennis vs. Baker University at Northwest

Wednesday, March 20

Last day to audit a second block class
Baseball at Bellevue College in Bellevue, Neb.
2 p.m. - Men's tennis at Baker University in Baldwin, Kan.
2 p.m. - Women's tennis at Creighton University in Omaha

Thursday, March 21

Cardinal Key benefit concert in the Mary Linn
2 p.m. - Men's tennis at Creighton

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James H. Lemon Founders Lecture series.

Lemon's granddaughter, Beatrice E. Hansen, a Maryville resident and graduate of Northwest, created the series in honor of her grandfather who worked to pass a bill which founded the Fifth District Normal School, later to become Northwest.

Kennedy is a clinical professor and supervising attorney at Pace University Law School in New York. He

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also works for the Natural Resources Defense Council where he lobbies and litigates for environmental laws.

His specialty is in water and fishery issues where he has been working with the fisherman of the Hudson River for the last 12 years.

A graduate of Harvard University, he studied at the London School of Economics and later received his degree in law from the University of Virginia Law School. After his graduation, he earned his master's

degree in Environmental Law from the Pace University School of Law. Kennedy has spent the last year in Washington, D.C. working to maintain environmental laws that were put into effect after Earth Day 1970 and keep them intact.

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Talkin' politics. During her commentary about American politics, Molly Ivins, a famed political columnist from Texas, calls for a change in the way political campaigns are financed and for a movement toward populism. Ivins

also answered questions from the crowd gathered at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Monday night and faced most of her comments with a touch of Southern sarcasm.

New process saves money

JULIET MARTIN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Northwest will save money while undertaking the process of accreditation through a new pilot program.

The approximate cost for a regular accrediting visit is estimated to fall between \$50,000 and \$60,000. Northwest will save a lot of that money this year by using information from the Baldrige report and putting it toward accreditation, University President Dean Hubbard said. The savings will come in the form of avoiding preparations and making duplicates for the document.

In the past, Northwest has been

required to put together and submit a self-study in the form of a document. A visit is then conducted to evaluate the school.

This year, Northwest will serve as a pilot and give feedback from the Baldrige visit along with a response to that feedback.

Hubbard came up with the idea of using the Baldrige criteria and proposed it to the North Central Association.

He said the pilot will serve to strengthen the accreditation process.

"Accreditation has been criticized as not being a force for improvement, but one that sets a status quo," he said. "This gives them an opportunity to

test a model which forces schools to demonstrate continued improvement."

Hubbard said the pilot is a compliment to Northwest.

"Obviously, no one thinks our accreditation is at risk; they want to test this model through us," he said.

Last time Northwest was up for accreditation was 10 years ago. Accreditation time periods ranges from probation to a maximum of 10 years.

Hubbard said he wants to see accreditation become stronger.

"I believe very strongly in accreditation and want to see it strengthened, not weakened," he said. "This is a way to strengthen it."



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Ivins discusses political views

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to emphasize was the problem of lost jobs because of downsizing to increase profits. Ivins had some suggestions for anyone, especially companies, who would like to make a difference:

- reduce the work week
- implement profit sharing plans
- see that the compensation given to top management is also evenly distributed to the workers

Ivins' last message concerned changing the way political campaigns are financed. She advised that the nation use a policy in which "no candidate can buy neither time nor space in any media, compensatory time and space shall be provided by the media."

Not only did she speak on how the audience can help the country, but she also shared her views on how the Republican primaries are going. At a press conference earlier in the day, Ivins referred to the primaries as "the best entertainment so far this year, except maybe 'The Birdcage.'"

Ivins seemed not to agree with any of the candidates as being her choice for the Republican nomination, but she had some favorite entertainers.

"Bob Dole, the mean one, and then we have Phil Gramm, candidate for those who feel Bob Dole is not mean enough," Ivins said. "Steve Forbes is an interesting candidate. I've covered him in public several times and I always have a tendency with Forbes to run around behind him. I want to find

the panel where you open it up to put in the batteries."

Ivins said her favorite entertainer, though, was Pat Buchanan.

"Now he's a little racist, somewhat sexist, he's a slight xenophobic, a touch homophobic, and he's soup's on anti-semitic," Ivins said. "But with that aside, he's the most exciting candidate in the race."

Ivins prides herself on not making political predictions, but said she will usually make a bet within six weeks of an election.

Ivins' ending statement seemed to hit the entire audience quite strongly.

"Have fun, because when you fight for freedom, if you lose, it (will) be all the fun you have," Ivins said.

Audience response to Ivins was very enthusiastic.

"She had a good mixture of realism and humor," Lori Combs, Northwest alum, said. "She speaks to everyday people and shows more common sense."

Audience members said they enjoyed hearing Ivins' perspectives.

"She was very delightful," Lois Lindaman, Maryville resident, said. "I liked her sense of humor and appreciated her liberal perspective, and I'm very glad for her being invited."

Some of the audience looked at Ivins' talk in a different light.

"She was a very good speaker and made really good points," Jennifer Combs, psychology/sociology major, said. "She took social theory and made it fun."

Comedian postpones because of ankle injury

Even though he is a one-of-a-kind performer, comedian Carrot Top had to take a road frequently traveled when he became the latest act to postpone his trip to Northwest.

Carrot Top broke his ankle in two places while skiing in January and has not fully healed, thus becoming unable to perform.

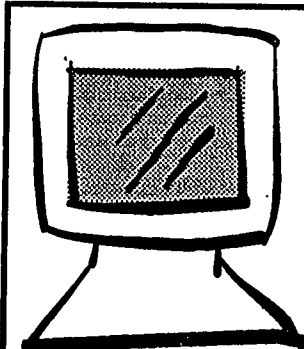
Unlike his predecessors, Carrot Top will be unable to return this academic year, but has set a return date

for Sept. 7.

Because the date is for next year, students with tickets need to return them to the Student Services Center in the Administration Building. Even if they still plan to attend the new date, they should return their tickets anyway, which guarantees their original seat or better, Dave Gieseke, director of news and information, said.

Those who do not wish to attend will receive a full refund.

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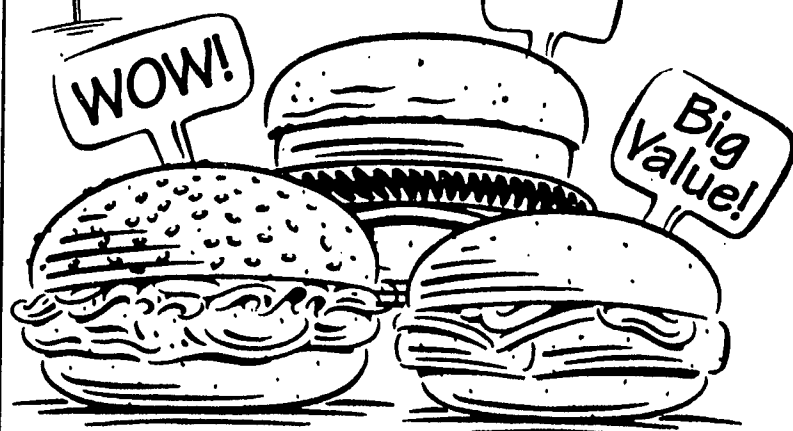
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